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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.98, the undersigned attorney for applicant transmits herewith the specification (28 pages) and drawings (12 pages) of pending application serial no. 10/293,544 filed 11/12/02 by White et al., which is a divisional of application serial no. 09/488,612 under which the present application claims priority as a CIP pursuant to 35 USC 120. Also transmitted herewith are the claims now pending in said application as amended on 7/10/03 (5 pages).

Applicant also submits for the Examiner's consideration the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/O8.

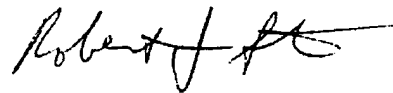
The Examiner is requested to fully consider the documents transmitted herewith and the documents listed on Form PTO/SB/O8 in determining the patentability of the claims in this application.

Copies of the documents listed on Form PTO/SB/O8 are not enclosed because all of them were cited by or submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office in prior application serial no. 09/488,612,

under which the present application claims priority under 35 USC 120.

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